

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-6, 16, 18-32, and 34-50 are requested to be withdrawn.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 19, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 7-34, Figs. 2-3, and subspecies Claim 17 for examination with traverse.

The Examiner first required restriction in an office action dated 12/27/2007. The Examiner has now furthered the restriction to request a specific sub species between a medical device, a guide wire and a catheter. As discussed in the application, the guide wire is used in a catheterization process in connection with a catheter as part of a medical device. It is submitted that claims 16, 17 and 18 can be examined without any undue burden on the Examiner. The Examiner has stated that these species are not obvious variants of each other.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to substantiate his/her position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and each of the subspecies in claims 16 -18 presently pending in this application be examined.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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